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## WHO'S IGNORANT?

The name-calling stage of the coming presidential campaign is starting early. We will not be sure who the candidates are until the nominating conventions meet next summer. But already certain Democrats have been calling Mr. Nixon nasty names, and I suppose it will not be long before the Republicans return the fire.

I guess this is to be expected in a campaign year. But President Eisenhower, who is not running for anything, seems inclined to indulge in

a bit of name-calling too. In his case, he does not have even the excuse of a political opponent getting his goat. Recently, he gathered up everybody - Democrats, Republicans, independents and so on - who opposes foreign giveaways, and put a label on them. He said they were guilty of "abysmal ignorance."

That's pretty strong language to apply to a large group of Americans who are critical of these endless foreign handouts. Does the President consider it "ignor-

ant" to be concerned about what happens to the money of the American taxpayer? Is a man like Professor Bauer of Cambridge University ignorant because he points out that we are keeping alive a socialist regime in India with foreign-aid funds? I suppose the President also considers a number of great American newspapers guilty of "abysmal ignorance." Their trained reporters, stationed in spots around the world where your tax dollars flow freely, report what happens to them. But, according to the President, this is just ignorance. And what about the Senate Permanent Investigating Committee? It found your tax money was used to send powdered milk to Bolivia, and to build two yucca flour mills there. But the Bolivians

turned up their noses at the powdered milk and the yucca flour - they just don't like 'em. Maybe that means the Bolivians are ignorant, though I doubt it. But it certainly does not prove the senators who revealed the facts are ignorant. And at the risk of being thought ignorant myself, may I report that Communist Poland is to get an additional \$40 million of your money?

It seems to me that the President might save his sharp-tongued words for those who deserve them. It can hardly be pleasant for Americans to see their President condemn as ignoramuses those who wish to conserve your hard-earned dollars - while at the same time he turns the other cheek to Fidel Castro and exchanges sweet talk with Red Boss Khrushchev.

## A STORY THAT WON'T DIE

The Bang-Jensen case refuses to die, though poor Mr. Bang-Jensen has been dead since last Thanksgiving. He died, as you may recall, under mysterious circumstances. And it is suspected that there are people in high places in the United Nations and in Washington who would like to forget about him. But it looks

as if they will not be permitted to do so. This is due chiefly to the stalwart persistence of *National Review*, the conservative weekly magazine; of Robert Morris, former counsel of the Senate Internal Security Committee, who was Bang-Jensen's attorney; and of Lyle C. Wilson, head of the Washington bureau

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of United Press-International.

First, a brief fill-in on the background of the Bang-Jensen case, and then the latest details as developed by *National Review*, Mr. Morris and Mr. Wilson.

Povl Bang-Jensen was a Danish diplomat who held a post in the Secretariat of the United Nations. In 1956, Boss Khrushchev of Soviet Russia earned for himself the title of Butcher of Budapest by ruthlessly putting down the Hungarian freedom revolt. Later, a committee of the United Nations was named to investigate the circumstances. Mr. Bang-Jensen, with the approval of the Secretary-General of the UN, interviewed 81 Hungarians, and guaranteed

to them - in order to protect their relatives and friends in Hungary - that their names would never be revealed. But when his investigation was completed, all sorts of pressures were put on Bang-Jensen to give up the list of names. He stood his ground. He knew that to reveal the names would mean they would fall into the hands of Soviet representatives in the United Nations. Finally, in January of 1958, the list of names was burned in Bang-Jensen's presence.

But the Reds do not give up so easily. Bang-Jensen was a senior political affairs officer in the UN secretariat. Six months after the burning of the names, the Secretariat was reshuffled, Bang-Jensen was fired from his job, and he was replaced by a Soviet communist representative. That was in July, 1958. Sixteen months later - on last Thanksgiving - Bang-Jensen's body was found in a woods in Long Island with a bullet in it. The case was officially closed as suicide.

But it won't stay closed. It now appears that there may have been a great deal more than merely keeping those names secret, behind Bang-Jensen's loss of his job and his subsequent odd death.

Evidently the ruthless action of Khrushchev in Hungary was too much for some of his own citizens, particularly as they had become acquainted with a different way of life. Certain Soviet citizens at United Nations headquarters wanted to defect to the United States. They knew they were taking their lives in their hands - that complete secrecy

was necessary. They went to Bang-Jensen - the only man in the United Nations they knew could keep a secret - and asked him to intercede for them with our government. But they wanted him to go directly to the President because, they said, both our delegation to the UN, and the U.S. CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) were infiltrated by Red agents.

### BIGGER THAN THE HISS CASE?

Bang-Jensen could not get to the President. So the Soviet citizens who were seeking asylum here finally agreed that it would be all right if he talked to Allen W. Dulles, the head of our Central Intelligence Agency. Bang-Jensen tried over and over again to see Mr. Dulles without success. Then it was decided to take a chance and talk to somebody whom Dulles would name. About eight meetings were held with this person; then one of Dulles' aides wrote a memorandum, with carbon copies. They got around to other government agencies. Soon after this, Boss Khrushchev's government in Moscow reached into the UN and hauled out the people who wanted to defect. They were returned to the Soviet Union.

These facts were checked by Judge Robert Morris, whom Bang-Jensen asked to serve as his attorney after he was fired from his UN job. Following Bang-Jensen's strange death, *National Review* printed this story. Not a peep came from Mr. Allen Dulles or his Central Intelligence Agency. Then Lyle Wilson put the story in newspapers all over the country. The CIA was on the spot. So finally, more than six weeks after Bang-Jensen's death, the CIA declared that Mr. Dulles had met with Bang-Jensen in December, 1957, but that he had revealed no information about Red infiltration in the UN or CIA.

There are two very queer things about this CIA statement. First, Bang-Jensen did not wish to confer with Dulles

primarily about Red infiltration. He wanted protection for Soviet citizens who wished to defect to the United States. Second, it now turns out, according to *National Review*, that this so-called "conference" took place a year after Bang-Jensen first started trying to see Mr. Dulles - and that it was not a conference at all, but a luncheon in somebody's home where many

people were present, including newspapermen - hardly a place where Bang-Jensen would discuss so delicate a subject.

In any case, the Senate Internal Security Committee is now looking into this whole story, so perhaps we are going to find out if Judge Morris was right when he said that "the Bang-Jensen case is bigger than the Hiss case."

- John T. Flynn

*Foregoing items covered in Mutual network broadcast 2/7/60*

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## Book Review HSIO-HSI

THE COMMUNIST PERSUASION by Eleutherius Winance, O.S.B., 239 pages, Kenedy, N.Y., \$3.95.

We certainly have no desire to emulate the Reds. But now that the persistent drive for recognition of Red China is under way again, we can at least wish that a little *Hsio-Hsi* could be tried on those who advocate so suicidal a course - in the form of forcing them to read Father Winance's book.

*Hsio-Hsi* means "to receive teaching and to put it into practice." In the China of the communists, it has become all-pervasive. As Father Winance puts it "you hear it, read it, experience it every-

where." You cannot understand it, as used by the Reds, until you read this fascinating and subtly terrifying book - correctly subtitled "A Personal Experience of Brainwashing."

Father Winance, a Benedictine monk and university professor, lived in China for more than two years after the Reds took over. For a year and a half of that time he had to undergo the communist indoctrination "course" - four hours a day, three days a week. He saw daily, spoke with, and recorded the experiences of others who had been brainwashed. Then he was thrown into jail, and finally expelled from China.

THE COMMUNIST PERSUASION is actually three books in one. The first part gives the clearest explanation we have seen anywhere of how a whole nation's thoughts (temporarily at least) can be turned upside down and inside out. The second part, were it not so terribly true, could be pure adventure. It is the story of the long and tortuous journey from the northern interior of China to Hong Kong, under Red guards, of Father Winance and a group of priests and nuns expelled from Red China as "tools of American imperialists."

The last and perhaps most important part of the book for all people of religion in

America, concerns the present plight of the Catholic Church in Red China. The Church's predicament applies equally to all other religious groups under the Chinese Reds. Mao Tse-tung and his cohorts must be credited with a diabolical cunning. Instead of attempting to eradicate religion and churches from Chinese life, they have turned them into instruments of State policy!

Father Winance, now teaching in the United States, is a Belgian. He writes in French. His translator, Father E. A. Lawrence, O.S.B., has done a masterly job of bringing us an enthralling story in easily read, flowing English. — *Rosalie Gordon*

## WHY DON'T THEY MOVE?

"A British drama critic named Kenneth Tynan gets 25 Americans to complain on tape about the United States, and puts the assembled beefs on a British TV show.

"Among those who thus foul their own nest are such characters as Robert Hutchins, Norman Cousins, Norman Thomas, J. Kenneth Galbraith, the Rev. Norris McCracken, Dalton Trumbo and Alger Hiss. The belches add up to: 'The United States stinks, and the hell with it.'

"Why, then, do these persons insist on continuing to suffer the American way of life? Why don't they move out to Russia, England, Red China, or whatever country or countries they consider superior to the United States?"

— *from an editorial in the N. Y. DAILY NEWS*

*Editor's Note:* To identify the above "characters" — Tynan is

a *New Yorker* drama critic; Hutchins heads the Ford Fund for the Republic; Cousins edits the *Saturday Review* and heads the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy (which wants us to quit testing nuclear weapons); Thomas headed the American Socialist Party; Galbraith is a professor at Harvard; McCracken a minister in Cincinnati; Trumbo one of Hollywood Ten who went to jail for contempt of Congress; Hiss another jailbird convicted of lying about his Red connections. Also, among a number of others contemptuous of all things American were TV comedian Mort Sahl, novelist Norman Mailer, and an assortment of self-designated beatniks!

### BREAD AND CIRCUSES

"The Congressional Record for March 2, 1959, lists counties in 24 states where 15 percent or more of the population are receiving surplus agricultural products free. Even with the rising prosperity experienced early in the year, donations of food surplus to our own citizens were up more than 18 percent during the first quarter of fiscal 1959.

"In 1953, 100,000 needy persons participated in the free food program. By 1957 the number had grown to 3,200,000. Two years later, in January, 1959, (there were) 5,605,824 persons receiving free food.

"We are repeating the experience of ancient Rome where free bread and circuses destroyed the self-reliance of a great people and led on to their destruction."

- from an editorial in *CHRISTIAN ECONOMICS*

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